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LATEST ON MURDER OF KENNEDY:

A PREVIEW OF THE WARREN REPORT

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This is an advance report on the Warren Commission findings about the Kennedy assassination.

The conclusions, given here in some detail, are expected to be published in June. The report will piece the story together, and explode some popular myths.

After six months of intensive investigation and thousands of pages of testimony, the Warren Commission, which is investigating the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy, is going to report the following conclusions:

- All evidence is that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone and not as part of any conspiracy, was the President's assassin; that Oswald was of unstable mind.

- There is no evidence of a plot—either “right wing” or “left wing”—of which Oswald was a part. The “conspiracy” theory of the assassination, given wide currency abroad, is without the slightest foundation.

- Jack Ruby, who killed Oswald, was acting on his own. Ruby had no connection with Oswald. He had no connection with others described as accomplices in a supposed plot involving Oswald.

- Oswald got no help or encouragement from Russia, Cuba or Red China;

from integrationists or segregationists; from “left wing” or “right wing” groups.

The investigating Commission, headed by Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the U. S., explored in greatest detail every lead offered to it or turned up by its investigators. The vast investigating machinery of the Federal Government was at its call.

What FBI found. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and John McCone, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, testified before the Commission on May 14.

Afterward, Mr. Hoover told newsmen the FBI was following up on all leads, including those developed by the Commission. But, he added, they have provided “nothing new of substantial value” since the original FBI report was turned in last December 5, about two weeks after President Kennedy was shot.

The Commission's schedule calls for publishing its report before the end of June. Part of the report will be devoted to listing and answering charges spread by books, articles and lectures that allege a plot of some kind.

These allegations will be shown to be baseless innuendoes, officials state. Here is how the Commission will deal with some of the more widespread rumors:

Rumor: A “Communist conspiracy” was behind the assassination—and di-

rected, or inspired, Oswald to do the shooting.

Finding: Oswald was an admitted Marxist and supporter of the Communist Castro Government in Cuba. But nothing in the mass of facts accumulated has suggested that any foreign country or political group helped in the assassination or knew of it in advance.

Although Soviet officials would not permit Commission investigators to enter Russia, two sets of files on Oswald's activities in that country were handed over to the U. S.

Commission investigators found no trails in Dallas, Miami, New Orleans, New York or Mexico City to link Oswald with any conspiracy.

Rumor: A “right wing” conspiracy supported by Texas oil millionaires and involving the Dallas police force had some connection with the assassination.

Finding: This is malicious fantasy, not supported by any facts.

Rumor: There was a cover-up. The U. S. Government gagged the Dallas police and suppressed evidence showing the assassination was connected somehow with an international plot.

Finding: The police were not gagged. Some evidence was impounded until the Warren Commission could make its investigation. This evidence throws some more light on Oswald as an individual,

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THIS PHOTOGRAPH, made a split second after President Kennedy was shot, was described as “probably the most controversial photograph of the decade” in the May 22 issue of “The New York Herald Tribune.”

It shows President Kennedy clutching his throat as he falls forward. It also shows, in the background, a man who resembles Lee Harvey Oswald standing in the doorway of the Texas School Book Depository. The head is encircled in this copy of the photo.

That man's presence, on the first floor of the Depository, set off widespread rumors that Oswald could not be the assassin who fired from the sixth floor.

The FBI, however, has established beyond doubt that the man in the doorway was not Oswald. The FBI knows who the man is and has interviewed him at length. The photograph did not change the Warren Commission's conclusions about the case.



—Wide World Photo